

DAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT EXPRESSIONS

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DRHS OBSERVES HOMECOMING 2022

Dan River High School observed its annual homecoming celebration on Friday, October 14, 2022 when the Wildcats hosted the Gretna Hawks for a varsity football contest. The Wildcats were victorious in the contest by defeating the Hawks 35-14.

Aside from the football game, the traditional homecoming activities were held, which included spirit week, a homecoming court, and a pep rally. Each grade level had representatives on the homecoming court. The freshmen class representatives were: Josiah Farmer, Josiah Saunders, Abigail Blackstock, and Akeelah Scott. The sophomore class representatives were: Dylan Call, Bryan Coleman, La'Tavia Clark, and Charlotte Hodnett. The junior class representatives were: Zachary Davis, Dylan Howerton, Cienna Colucci, and Jenna Fletcher. The senior class was represented by Ty'Lyric Coleman, Kasey Ferguson, Bryan Rito-Villar, Jakari Thomas, Zomer Dauthe, Grace Doss, CaDarrion Fitzgerald, and Emma Williams.

The build up to homecoming night was spirit week. Each day during the week, students dressed up according to the theme of the day to show school spirit. Tuesday was Country or Country Club Day, Wednesday was Destination Day, Thursday was Holiday Day, and Friday was Class Color Day. Also on Friday, the students participated in the Fall Athletics Pep Rally to help energize the team prior to the big game against Gretna High School. There were dances and games that involved both the students and members of the Dan River High School faculty. The senior class won this year's Spirit Stick competition. The enthusiasm of the students participating in the week's events made for an exciting Homecoming Week.

At halftime of the football game, the crowing of the 2022 Homecoming King and Queen took place. The Homecoming Queen was Zomer Dauthe and the Homecoming King was Jakari Thomas. The 2021 Homecoming King and Queen, Dakota McDaniel and Javion Carter, were on hand to help crown this year's winners.



TUTORING

Tutoring is offered daily after school by some teachers.

Encourage your students to attend for extra help or remediation for SOL tests.

Students must stay with the teacher providing tutoring until their ride is present to pick them up. Please be punctual to pick up your student.

SPIKING FOR A CURE IS A SUCCESS

The Dan River High School JROTC hosted its annual "Spiking for a Cure" event on October 4, 2022. The gym was transformed into sea of pink in support of October being Breast Cancer Awareness month.

This was the 14th year in a row that the JROTC program has sponsored this event for such a worthy cause. Their efforts included selling pink "Spiking for a Cure" shirts and sponsorships, and collecting donations, all of which was donated to the Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association. Dan River's volleyball teams, cheerleaders, parents, and family members chipped in the effort by decorating the gym in pink, white, and blue balloons. Flowers and posters adorned the walls and bleachers for the occasion. There was also a bake sale where those in attendance could buy some sweet treats to enjoy while watching the game. This year the event collected an estimated \$3,965.

There were 34 local business sponsors that contributed to the event which allowed this year to be one of the best yet. Karen Stadler, past president of the Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association and Moriah Shepherd, executive director of the Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association were on hand to accept this year's check.

"This is a very important event for both our community and our students," said Sergeant First Class Michael Coder, JROTC instructor for Dan River High School. "It allows the students of this school an opportunity to work with local businesses to support people who are in need. Any time you can raise money to help fight cancer, you are doing a wonderful thing. This is an event that the JROTC program is very proud to be a part of."

In addition to the fundraising efforts for the evening, everyone in attendance saw a competitive volleyball match between the Lady Cavaliers of Chatham High School and the Dan River Lady Wildcats. The Lady Wildcats won the JV game in two straight sets by the scores of 25-14 and 25-20. Dan River was also victorious in the varsity game, winning three sets to one. The scores of the sets were: 25-22, 25-21, 20-25, and 25-16.

"Our program enjoys putting on this event every year because a lot of those involved have someone in their family or know someone who has been affected by cancer," said Dan River varsity volleyball coach Heather Grogan. "We appreciate that the money from the shirts goes to the Cancer Association because they help out cancer patients in our area during their time of need. We are proud to be able to contribute to that. This year, we were able to have our bake sales profits (about \$600) go to two ladies who graduated from DRHS who are currently undergoing treatments for breast cancer."

In addition to the money raised by the bake sale, the JROTC program was able to sell 294 t-shirts. Anyone who purchased a t-shirt was granted free admission to the game. Local businesses that sponsored the event kicked in with an additional \$2,700 of donations. All of the proceeds raised will go to the Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association to help those in our local community who are battling breast cancer.

IMPORTANT DATES

PROGRESS REPORTS 3RD SIX WEEKS	DEC. 1
EXAMS	DEC. 19 & 20
3RD SIX WEEKS ENDS	DEC 20
WINTER BREAK	DEC. 21 - JAN 8
3RD SIX WEEKS REPORT CARDS	JAN. 6

